shared with States and support is provided by way of deployment of Central Para Military Forces.

Under Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2002, 32 organisations have been notified as terrorist organizations enabling State Government to deal with menace.

(d) Central Government is conjuction with the State Governments is taking steps in the affected areas, to accelerate economic development and redress the genuine grievances of the People.

Problem of Naxalism

†133. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA : Will the the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the state-wise details of action taken by affected States and the Central Government to deal with the problem of naxalism;

(b) whether the problem is borne out of economic and social disparities, and the reasons of its spreading; and

(c) the steps taken to address the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) to (c) Government is aware of the effort being made by certain vested interest to wean away the misguided youth by exploiting various socio-economic factors and religious sentiments. Central Government in conjuction with the State Government is taking steps in the affected areas, to accelerate economic development and redress the genuine grievances of the people.

In order to ensure a balanced approach to the problem of left wing extremism, States were advised to prepare Integrated Action Plans, encompassing development as well as security aspects in the affected areas. The Plans received from Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa have been sent to Planning Commission.

The Government has requested the Commission to extend financial assistance to these State for selected projects and works, considered criticial in their fight aginst left wing extremism.

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Keeping in view the overall dimensions of left wing extremist activities in some States a high level Coordination Centre headed by the Union Home Secretary regularly reviews and monitors the plan of action in respect of each State.

The Government also provides financial support and Central Para Military Forces, as and when required by the naxalite affected States.

Adequate representation of Minorities in Police Force

134. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether National Commission for Minorities and National Integration Council have recommended for adequ. epresentation of Minorities in Police Force;

(b) if so, the action taken to implement the said recommendations; and

(c) the percentage of Muslims in CRPF, RAF and BSF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no reservation in services based on religion. However, all possible steps are taken to ensure that the candidates belonging to minorities are sufficiently motivated to come forward for appointment to police organizations. The Government had advised the Central Para-Military Forces to ensure sufficient representation to minorities through making the minority community candidates aware of the employment opportunities/recruitment programme and the incentives/prospects available in these Forces. Recruitment Boards have also been advised to send special information to the minority community run institutions/organizations with a request to encourage candidates from these communities to apply for the recruitment in Central Para-Military Forces.

(c) The percentage of Muslims in CRPF (including RAF which is a part of CRPF) is 5.5% and in BSF it is 5.85%.

Review of the progress of national project on bio-gas development in A.P.

135. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :